

Appl. No. 10/726,174
Supplemental Amendment Dated August 29, 2006
Reply to Office action dated April 4, 2006

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

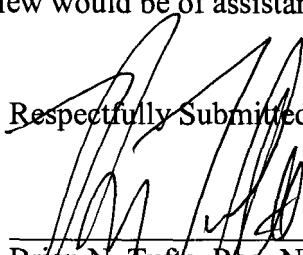
Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed April 4, 2006. Claims 1-25, 27-28, 31-46, 48-49 and 53-73 remain pending. Claims 26, 29-30, 47 and 50-52 have been canceled without prejudice. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

A Petition for an Extension of time is not believed to be required in this instance because a complete first reply was timely filed on July 3, 2006. MPEP § 710.02(e) states "[a]n extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 is not necessary when submitting a supplemental reply to an Office action if a complete first reply was timely filed in reply to the Office action." If this is incorrect, however, please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter this Supplemental Amendment, as appropriate, and charge Deposit account No. 50-0413 for the required fee.

This Supplemental Amendment supplements the Amendment filed on July 3, 2006, and assumes that the July 3, 2006 Amendment was entered. The undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the telephone interview of August 24, 2006. Based on the interview, the undersigned has incorporated the Examiner's suggestions, and believes that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested. If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-359-9348.

Respectfully Submitted,

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